

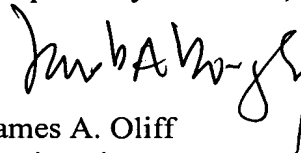
21. (New) A starter according to claim 20, wherein said internal gear is made of resin.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17-21 are added. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, at column 5, lines 49-51 and column 6, lines 25-45 of the instant specification. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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